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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: VISIT OF FONMIN AGUSTSSON
TO WASHINGTON

REF: REYKJAVIK 1105

1. FONMIN AGUSTSSON REMINDED ME THAT HE WOULD STILL LIKE TO
VISIT WASHINGTON PERIOD OCT 3 AND 4 TO INITIATE FORMAL IDF
NEGOTIATIONS. WHEN I REMINDED HIM THAT HE HAD EARLIER SAID
NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON HE REPLIED IT HAS NOW BECOME ESSENTIAL
IT BE WASHINGTON ALTHOUGH IF THE ONLY TIME HE COULD CONFER
WITH SECRETARY OF STATE IS IN NEW YORK DURING UN SESSION
HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO CONFER WITH HIM AGAIN IN WASHINGTON.
HIS PREFERENCE FOR THIS CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, IS WASH-
INGTON. IN WASHINGTON HE WOULD LIKE TO CONFER WITH DEPSEC OF
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STATE RUSH AND UNDER SEC PORTER, AMONG OTHERS. IN DEFENSE

HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON SEC SCHLESINGER AND ADMIRAL ZUMWALT, AMONG OTHERS.

2. AGUSTSSON CLAIMS TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ON POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF IDF. HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT PROCEDURES OF NEGOTIATIONS AND RANGE OF MODIFICATIONS TO PRESENT DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT WE HAVE IN MIND, INCLUDING RANGE OF POSSIBLE MILITARY REDUCTIONS AND EXTENT OF POSSIBLE ICELANDIZATION. HE SAID GOI EXPECTS HIM TO COME BACK WITH SOME SPECIFICS THIS TIME (SEE REYKJAVIK TEL 1105 FOR HANS ANDERSEN'S SUGGESTIONS). AGUSTSSON SAID HE WANTED TO REMIND ME THAT HIS PROBLEM IS A DOMESTIC POLITICAL ONE (AND WHICH HE SAID IS OURS TOO RE IDF) AND HE NEEDS SOME DEVICE TO SAVE THE IDF WITHOUT BRINGING DOWN THE GOVT OR SPLITTING HIS PARTY. HE SAID HE NEEDS TO RETURN WITH INDICATION THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO REDUCE OUR MILITARY MANPOWER "SUBSTANTIALLY" AND ARE PREPARED TO SUBSTITUTE ICELANDERS FOR AMERICANS OVER A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD.

3. SINCE FONMIN PLANS TO DEPART FOR STOCKHOLM FOR KING'S FUNERAL SEPT 24 AND THEN FOR NEW YORK SEPT 26, HE ASKS THAT WE CONFIRM WASHINGTON VISIT BY SEPT 22 EVENIF WE DO NOT YET HAVE NAMES BY THEN OF OFFICIALS HE MIGHT BE SEEING.

4. FONMIN IS CONTEMPLATING VISIT TO CINCLANT NORFOLK ALSO, PERHAPS OCT 5, BUT WILL ADVISE ME OF THIS ON WEEKEND.
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